

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from March 15, was held on the 22nd day of March, 2005, at 1:00 P.M., Second Floor Training Room, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session regarding several items, including the FY2006 Budget. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson

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Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert

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// City Manager Kimball Payne explained that the question regarding the applicability of the development standards with regard to the requirement of a two hundred foot setback for the addition of athletic fields at Heritage High School has been resolved. Mr. Payne explained that the Zoning Administrator has opined that since Section 35.1-167.1 of the Zoning Ordinance allows public uses by right in all zoning districts, the two hundred foot setback is not required in this instance.

// Legislative Liaison Linda McMinimy presented a brief overview regarding actions taken during the 2005 General Assembly session.

// Museum Director Tom Ledford presented an overview of information contained in a March 22 written report to City Council regarding the Lynchburg Museum System. Mr. Ledford explained that the Museum System faces several challenges in the immediate future, i.e., reopening of the Old Court House this year to observe its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, securing a new collections storage facility, staff space and exhibit galleries, and approval/funding of additional Museum staff.

// Parks and Recreation Director Kay Frazier along with Randy Parr and Sallie Schneider, Lynchburg Historical Foundation President, provided an overview regarding a proposal from the Lynchburg Historical Foundation (LHF) for preservation of the packet boat "Marshall", best known for carrying Stonewall Jackson's coffin from Lynchburg to Lexington. Ms. Frazier explained that the cost for preservation of the Marshall and construction of a protective structure is estimated at \$100,000 and that staff proposes that the City donate \$40,000 (FY2005 Capital Improvement Program, Project P0035) to LHF for this project. Ms. Frazier went on to say that staff is also requesting approval for the City Manager to finalize and sign on the City's behalf a Memorandum of Understanding with LHF to facilitate the preservation of the packet boat. Ms. Schneider stated that LHF is firmly committed to this project, that fund raising efforts are well underway, and that the project will be completed in 2007 in time for the Jamestown celebration. On motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Gillette, Council by the following recorded vote approved the proposal from LHF for preservation of the packet boat "Marshall", and authorized the City Manager to finalize and sign on the City's behalf a Memorandum of Understanding with LHF to facilitate the preservation of the packet boat:

Ayes: Dodson, Gillette, Johnson, Hutcherson

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Noes:

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Absent: Foster, Helgeson, Seiffert

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// Council Member Gillette, who served as Chair of the Community Development Advisory Committee, presented a brief overview regarding the Committee's recommendations for allocation of FY2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds. Council Member Dodson stated that he thought that a decision was made years ago to include funding for the downtown façade improvement program in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and questioned when it was dropped from the CIP. City Manager Kimball Payne stated that he would research the matter and report back to City Council. City Council recommended no changes to the Advisory Committee's recommendations. Administrative and Grants Coordinator Melva Walker stated that this item will be scheduled for the April 12 meeting for final approval of the allocations for the proposed projects.

// Due to three Council Members being absent, City Council decided to discuss the School Board Candidates Interview process at the March 29 work session.

// During roll call, Mayor Hutcherson announced that there will be a press conference on Thursday regarding a donation to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Human Rights.

// City Council conducted a work session regarding the FY2006 Budget. City Manager Kimball Payne stated that municipal staff was present to respond to questions regarding their individual budgets, i.e., Parks and Recreation, Community Planning and Development, Economic Development, and Fleet Services. City Council also reviewed requests from Contributory Agencies, Debt Service, Transfers, Schools, and Other Funds categories. City Manager Kimball Payne stated that information requested regarding certain budgets would be provided to City Council at the next work session.

// The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Clerk of Council